

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Schmidt Brothers' Barn Survey Number: G-IV-A-245

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Schmidt Brothers' Barn attests to the primacy of agriculture in the Oakland region in the early and mid-twentieth century. Agriculture had been the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses. Even in the subsequent decades of the twentieth century, as mechanization began to alter many farming practices, most of the area's residents were still employed in agriculture. Twentieth-century farms in the area focused on producing potatoes, hay, corn, small grains, buckwheat, oats, garden vegetables, and maple sugar, and dairying became a significant regional agricultural pursuit. According to the current property owner, the Schmidt Brothers' barn blew down in a tornado in the early 1940s and was immediately rebuilt on the same site. The barn presently houses a large and healthy dairy herd and still stands on a large, open parcel of pasture and cropland.

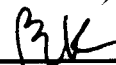
Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanjer/KCI Technologies, Inc.

 5/1/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable  
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Reviewer, NR program Date

Schmidt Brothers Barn  
G-IV-A-245  
1995 Memorial Drive  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1945  
Private

This is a large, gambrel-roofed frame bank barn with a concrete block-supported frame forebay and a one-story metal and concrete-block shed-roofed addition attached to one gable. It is built with a concrete block foundation, wooden drop siding, and a rolled asphalt gambrel roof. Several two-over-two, double-hung sash windows are present, but most of the original window openings in the forebay have been sealed. The ramped main entrance is designed to accommodate a pair of large, outward-swinging doors; a second entrance contains a standard-sized paneled wood door. A fenced livestock yard extends beyond the forebay on the south elevation. The banked side of the barn faces north-northeast and is located on an open section of land about one-and-one-half miles east-northeast of Oakland.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Schmidt Brothers Barn

### 2. Location

street & number 1995 Memorial Drive not for publication

city, town Oakland ☒ vicinity

county Garrett

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Schmidt Brothers c/o Robert Schmidt

street & number Route F, Box 1455 telephone 301-334-3466

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-9139

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-4-358

city, town Oakland liber and folio 263/189

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
					Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress				
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown				
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use				
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:				
					<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <u>0</u>		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This is a large, gable-roofed frame bank barn with a concrete block-supported frame forebay and a one-story metal and concrete-block shed-roofed addition attached to one gable. The banked side of the barn faces north-northeast and is located on an open section of land about one-and-one-half miles east-northeast of Oakland.

The main block of the barn is built on a continuous concrete block foundation that also supports the forebay. The building is clad in wooden drop siding finished with flat wooden corner boards. A rolled asphalt gambrel roof finished with a wooden eave, a flat verge made of a length of drop siding, exposed rafter feet, and triangular wooden eave brackets covers the main block. Two small double-hung one-over-one wooden sash windows ventilate and light the loft near the roof peak. The attached one-story shed is built on a concrete block foundation and clad and roofed in corrugated metal.

Although several two-over-two, double-hung sash windows pierce the west gable foundation at cellar level, there are no additional windows in the frame portions of the gables. The forebay was once fitted with a nine bays containing a total of eighteen window-sized openings, but now all but three of those openings have been sealed with plywood. The primary entrance stands just to the east of center on the northern elevation. An earthen ramp leads up to the door opening, which is partially protected by a corrugated metal shed roof and a two-sided metal windbreak. At the time the building was surveyed, the front doors were not visible, but the opening is designed to accommodate a pair of large, outward-swinging doors. A standard-sized wood paneled door leads into the western side of the building at foundation level, and a large infilled area on this same elevation suggests an earlier, larger entrance. Two large wood-gated openings on the opposite elevation lead directly into the metal and concrete addition.

A rectangular wood-fenced livestock yard extends beyond the forebay on the warm southern side of the barn. A wire fence enclosing a large pasture extends beyond the fenced yard. A second gated and wire-fenced yard stands east of the barn. A curving gravel drive runs roughly perpendicular to Memorial Drive and extends along the western side of the building; a large open storage area containing silage and lime stands to the immediate west. The barn is presently used to house livestock and remains in good condition.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1945

**Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register    ☐ Maryland Register    ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:

Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category:

Building

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Barn

Known Design Source:

None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 156.55 acres

Acreage surveyed 156.55 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 358 Map 78, Grid 4

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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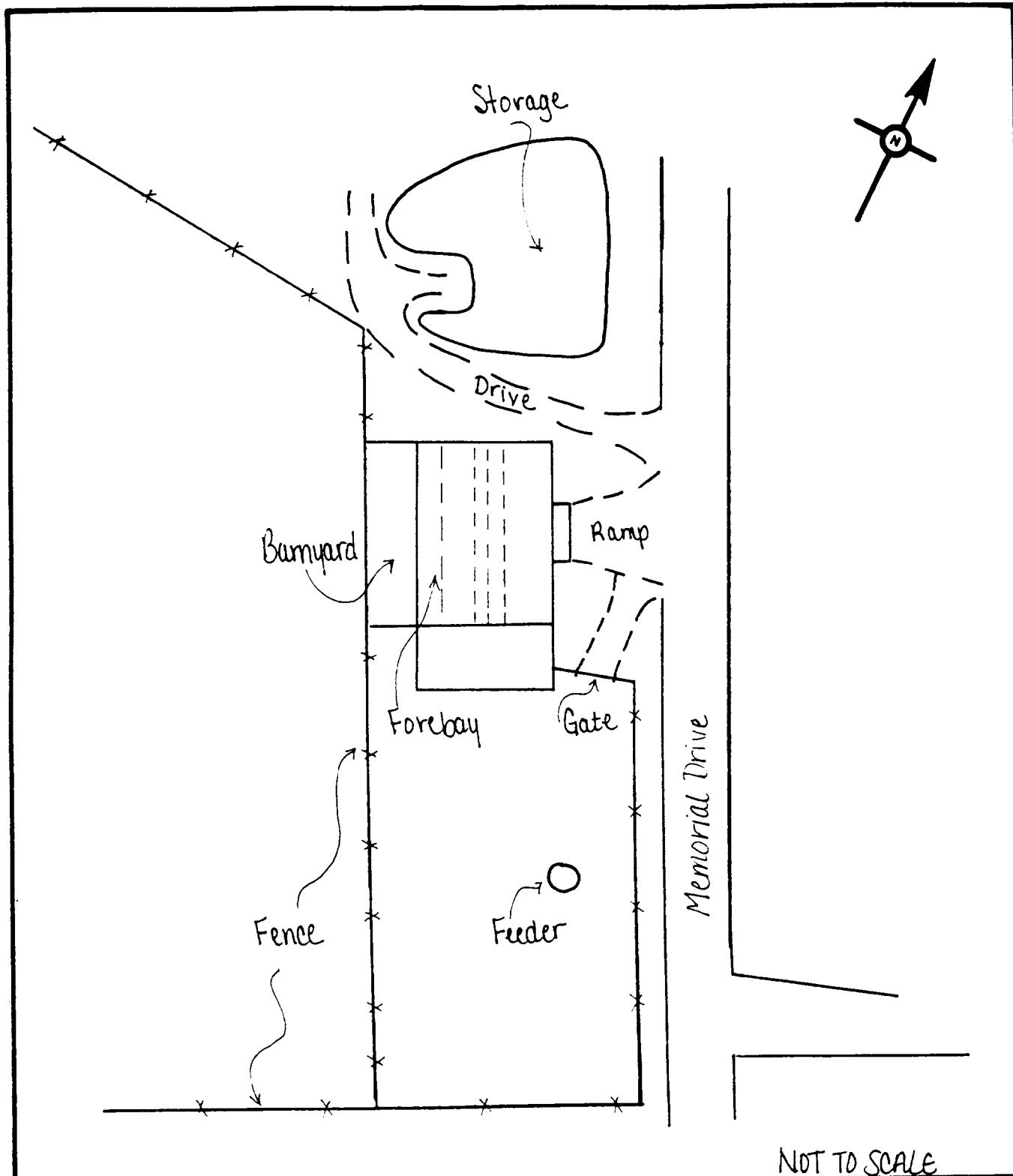
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**Resource Sketch Map**  
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Schmidt Brothers Barn  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County





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GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
STUART DIXON

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GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
STUART DIXON

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SW ELEVATION LOOKING NE